

"This table shows the total number of defects recorded under each of the 12 reasons for failure"

In January 2009 the Agency carried out 60956 vehicle full tests and 11013 vehicle retests totalling 71969 vehicle tests.		
12609 vehicle full tests and 673 vehicle retests failed the test with 26142 defects detected. The table below shows the top 12 reasons for failing the test.		
Failure reason description		Number of defects
1	Brake system: including Pipes; Hoses; Cables;linings; Disc's; Drums; Calipers and Wheel cylinders	5959
2	Suspension system.	4237
3	Electrical System: including Battery; Lights; Wiring; Horn; Wipers; Washers.	3917
4	Brakes Performance: including Efficiency imbalance.	2244
5	Wheels, Tyres & Hubs.	1861
6	Headlamp Alignment N/S Headlamp.	1603
7	Headlamp Alignment O/S Headlamp.	1551
8	Body & Chassis: including attachments.	1419
9	Steering system.	1151
10	Fuel & exhaust system.	835
11	Plates: including registration plate VIN plate.	714
12	Vehicle Interior: including Seats; Seat belts & anchorage; Speedometer; Mirrors; Windscreen & windows.	651
Total number of defects detected		26142

"It should be noted that vehicles which fail may have had more than 1 defect and more than 1 reason for failure"